



## **PURPOSE**

The mission of the 27-11 Long Range Riding Platoon (LRRP) is to foster camaraderie within the chapter through participants attendance at events in our home state as well as outside the borders of our state that are approved by the 27-11 Chapter Elected Board (CEB). In addition, it is to encourage all participants to break through their personal riding barriers and put some hard-earned miles on their motorcycles. The LRRP is strictly voluntary and is open to all chapter participants who successfully complete the requirements for award of the chapter LRRP patch. As an added benefit the LRRP roster will be used to maintain a record of a participant's mileage that was devoted to non-profit events. This mileage may be deductible from the participant's income taxes at the end of the calendar year thus providing an added incentive for participants to attend these events. Participation will also foster support to all veterans. This is a program designed to bring forth camaraderie and under-standing amongst the members/participants of the chapter. It is not designed as a method to segregate members from one another.

## **PATCH**

The 27-11 LRRP award shall be a patch in the shape of a 4x4 square. The color of the patch shall be Red with a black border. The lettering will be black for the "RIDGE RIDERS", "27-11" and "LRRP" on the patch. The Chapter skull is centered.

## **RECOGNITION**

Each chapter participant who completes the 27-11 LRRP requirements shall be authorized to wear the LRRP Patch and mileage tabs. These patches recognize chapter members/participants for their long-distance riding accomplishments. Each awardee shall be entitled to continue wearing this award regardless of their chapter affiliation should they leave 27-11. **In addition to recognizing Mileage, we also recognize events attended during the year.**

## OVERVIEW

The 27-11 LRRP will become effective on day one and will run continuously throughout one's duration of their participation with 27-11. Upon completion of eligibility requirements participants will be awarded the LRRP Patch followed by "Total Miles" Tab patches at designated increments/miles. All patches will be awarded at our chapter's annual Christmas party, recognizing total miles for current year as well as total cumulative miles accumulated from previous years while assigned to chapter 27-11. The 27-11 LRRP is not mandatory. Participation is optional to all chapter members (FM, AUX, SUP), riders/passengers and family members.

## QUALIFICATIONS

To be eligible for award of the Chapter LRRP patch you must meet the following criteria:

1. Since riding motorcycles is a key portion of the overall CVMA mission the only mode of transportation allowed for the LRRP **Mileage** is the motorcycle. **Should you cage it to an event you will receive credit for the event only, no miles will be accepted.** Hauling your motorcycle to events by truck, trailer, or any means other than riding it is not permitted and event miles will not count towards LRRP. Traveling to an event by any means other than a motorcycle then obtaining a bike at the event location is not permitted under LRRP, those event miles will not count. Additionally, for miles/**Event** to count you must be wearing your CVMA vest **Or NBOD approved Shirt/T-Shirt with large Iron-on patch on the Back.** The only exceptions being that during periods of inclement weather it is acceptable to wear rain gear over or remove the vest replacing it with rain gear. Removal of the vest will be acceptable in No-fly zones and in cases of extreme heat where safety may be of concern.
2. Travel to and from any CVMA local/state/national meetings, travel to/from events approved by the Chapter Elected Board (CEB) are usable miles for credit. **Approved events are those listed on National/State/Chapter WEB Sites and 27-11 google group** Travel to/from VETERAN or VETERAN related events that members participate in or receive benefits from, or the Chapter receives positive community benefits are usable for LRRP miles. Examples are, Memorial Day/Veterans Day events, CVMA events/Poker/Charity Runs, Military Events/Funerals/Flag Lines/Honor Flights.
  - a. Personal rides or daily/weekly travel does not constitute recognition for the LRRP.
  - b. **Impromptu Rides of 3 or more Riders are allowed Providing the Ride is posted on Chapter Google group. [CVMA27-11@googlegroups.com](mailto:CVMA27-11@googlegroups.com). Vest Or approved shirt must be worn.**
3. Good Faith Effort: If a breakdown occurs that renders the motorcycle inoperable while traveling to/from or during an event and it becomes necessary to trailer the bike to a maintenance facility or to the rider's residence those miles ridden on the bike up to the malfunction will be honored for LRRP.
4. Pay a one-time \$10 participation fee to cover costs of all patches including the initial LRRP patch and all accruing mileage tab patches.

- a. For newly patched in members, miles will begin to accumulate at date of patch-in and one-time participation fee of \$10.
  - b. For current participants and passengers, miles will begin to accumulate at time of payment of the one-time \$10 participation fee.
5. START/FINISH: Each year mileage accumulation starts on the day of the 27-11 annual chapter Christmas party. Mile's accumulation for the year finishes the day before the 27-11 annual chapter Christmas party. End of the year miles will be added to their total miles accumulated from each previous year of participation. At the 27-11 annual chapter Christmas party the most miles accumulated for that year may receive special recognition.
6. Upon closure of each yearly mileage log (the day before the annual chapter Christmas party) the LRRP Administrator will provide the chapter Secretary with a copy to be kept with all other chapter records.
7. Mileage is typically obtained from odometer of the motorcycle that was ridden or may be obtained from the ride route planned using MapQuest or Google Maps. Mileage starts and ends at your place of residence.
- a. Mileage submitted is on the HONOR SYSTEM excess mileage may be subject to review and approval of the Chapter (CEB).
8. Submit recorded miles traveled and the event name/location along with A "safe return home" email addressed to [CVMA27-11@googlegroups.com](mailto:CVMA27-11@googlegroups.com). Please include name or road name as messages sent from cell phones do not always identify the sender.
- a. Some chapter events may have a sign in roster/swipe available for participants to obtain credit for attendance, especially for Sanctioned events.

NOTE: Participants are encouraged to maintain their own personal ride and mileage log. Use your record to validate the LRRP Administrators' record.

To mark continual accomplishments in the LRRP a mileage tab will be awarded. Each tab will have the total cumulative miles ridden. It is intended to be placed on bottom of the LRRP patch. The chapter 27-11 LRRP patch represents participation in the chapter's LRRP program. The first accumulative mileage tab will be awarded at 2,500 miles. All tabs will be at 2,500-mile increments; 5,000 miles, 7,500 miles, 10,000 miles, 12,500 miles up to 15,000 miles. Miles accumulated after the 15,000-mile award will then accrue by 5,000-mile increments; 20,000, 25,000, 30,000 and 35,000 and upward. Extra/replacement patches will cost \$10 and mileage tabs will be \$4.

National CVMA Long Range Riding Platoon – Finish the Mission! and Tri-State awards can be found on the national CVMA website at [www.combatvet.us](http://www.combatvet.us).



Questions or inquiries may be directed to the chapter LRRP Administrator or the chapter CEB.

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